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DENMEAD OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY TRANSFERRED TO FISHERIES BUREAU

Former Assistant United States Game Conservation Officer, Selected to Head New Division of Commerce Department

Enforcement of the recently amended Federal Black Bass Law, to regulate interstate transportation of large- and smallmouthed black bass, will be directed by Talbott Denmead, who is being transferred to the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, from the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture. Effective March 24, Mr. Denmead will become law-enforcement officer in a newly created division in the Bureau of Fisheries. The request for his transfer made by Commissioner Henry O'Malley, of that bureau, was approved by Paul G. Redington, Chief of the Biological Survey, on the ground that his experience covering a period of ten years with the Biological Survey in enforcement of the Migratory-Bird Treaty and Lacey Acts, particularly with those phases that are concerned with restrictions on illegal interstate commerce in game, has poculiarly fitted Mr. Denmead for this specialized type of work in the Bureau of Fisheries, the first law enforcement work of this character of that bureau. Mr. Denmoad served the Biological Survey for six years as deputy chief and acting chief U. S. game warden, and for the last four years has been assistant U. S. game conservation officer of the bureau. In 1910 he was made a member of a special game and fish commission of Maryland by Governor A. L. Crothers and has served as acting State game warden and chief deputy in the Conservation Commission of Maryland.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Mr. Denmead received his education in that city in Lamb's Elementary and High Schools, the Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Maryland. His interest in both game and fish is indicated

not only by his regular hunting and fishing trips in many parts of the United States, but by his selection as president of such organizations as the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association and the Maryland State Council of the Izaak Walton League of America. He has also acted as secretary of the Maryland State Audubon Society, and has served as a senator in the Maryland Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the American Ornithologists' Union, the American Game Protective Association, and the American Fisheries Society.

Mr. Denmead is the author of several publications of the Department of Agriculture on conservation matters and of many short articles and stories in sporting magazines on hunting and fishing, and at one time was game and fish editor of The American Shooter. He is a member of the Maryland Bar and before his first appointment with the Federal Government had practiced law in Baltimore and had codified for publication the Maryland game and fish laws. While connected with the Maryland Conservation Commission he was active in measures to bring about the passage of the Federal Migratory Bird Law of 1913 and the negotiation of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916. He has also assisted in drafting many of Maryland's game and fish laws from 1910 to 1918, including the State-wide hunting-license law and laws on bag limits, waterfowl conservation, and the first State-wide fish law of 1910, which, among other things, gave protection to small fish. He was also a member of a special Maryland commission that conferred with a similar commission of Virginia to draft joint legislation for the protection of fish, oysters, and crabs in the Potomac River.

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